

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
William R. BELKNAP, et al.

Docket No: A8506  
IBM Docket No.: SVL920010059US1

Appln. No.: 09/986,248

Group Art Unit: 2173

Confirmation No.: 5036

Examiner: Dennis G. BONSHOCK

Filed: November 8, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PACKING OF SMALL OBJECTS FOR EFFICIENT  
DELIVERY OVER NETWORKS

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on February 12, 2008. During the interview, the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection of claims 6, 8, 18, 27, and 28, and the prior art rejection of claims 1, 13, 25, 8, 20, and 28 were discussed. Regarding the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection, the Examiner indicated that he did not see a particular embodiment discussing the use of the negative limitation in the subject claims, as set forth in the Interview Summary mailed on February 20, 2008<sup>1</sup>. Regarding the prior art rejections of claims 1, 13, and 25, the Examiner indicated that he would need more time to consider the Applicants' arguments in detail. Applicants' representative also pointed out the distinction

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants' representative notes that a duplicate copy of this interview summary was mailed from the PTO again on March 4, 2008.

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between the prior art of record and independent claims 8, 20, and 28. Although the Examiner indicated that the arguments sound convincing, no agreement was reached.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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